

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at Dublin City Hall on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 12:09 p.m.

Mayor Joshua Kight called the meeting to order. Council members Bennie Jones, Tess Godfrey, Bill Brown, Paul Griggs, Chris Smith, and Brandon Chain were present. Council person Sara Kolbie was absent.

The invocation was given by Councilman Paul Griggs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Special Presentations.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the 2nd Quarter:

We were pleased to announce that Don Matecun is the Employee of the 2nd Quarter – 2026 for The City of Dublin.

Retirement Watches Presentation:

Randy Floyd, Jonathan Scott Allen, Billy Ritch, and Tracy Yanken

Daron Powell (absent)

Approval of June 18, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Griggs and seconded by Councilman Jones. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

APPROVAL OF BILLS OVER \$15,000

The Council reviewed the bills over \$15,000, A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilperson Godfrey. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

06/30/2026	168073.59	Bank Draft	GMEBS-RETIREMENT TRUST FUND
06/30/2026	128000.00	Bank Draft	YEAR END CASH TRANSFER
06/30/2026	44237.05	Bank Draft	YEAR END CASH TRANSFER
06/30/2026	24913.49	Check	RYLAND OIL COMPANY
06/30/2026	31738.00	Check	BRIDGES ELECTRIC & MOTOR SERVICE INC
06/29/2026	59095.37	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
06/26/2026	109458.68	Check	THOMAS & HUTTON ENGINEERING CO
06/26/2026	16740.00	Check	TEEN CHALLENGE SOUTHEAST REGION - DUBLIN MEN'S
06/26/2026	29012.80	Check	RYLAND OIL COMPANY
06/26/2026	46142.77	Check	LAURENS COUNTY SWMA
06/26/2026	23866.50	Check	L&L UTILITIES, INC.
06/26/2026	23507.14	Check	GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
06/26/2026	76459.36	Check	EKA
06/26/2026	25002.00	Check	DIXIE LAWN AND LANDSCAPING INC.
06/26/2026	16173.12	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT

06/24/2026	75730.16	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
06/24/2026	44139.09	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
06/24/2026	22479.98	Bank Draft	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
06/24/2026	17711.08	Bank Draft	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
06/24/2026	143851.70	Check	CITY OF DUBLIN-SELF INSURANCE FUND
06/23/2026	580000.00	Bank Draft	CASH TRANSFER
06/23/2026	38796.55	Bank Draft	GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AUTH.
06/23/2026	77576.31	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
06/23/2026	16591.61	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
06/22/2026	664832.44	Bank Draft	MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA
06/22/2026	18131.08	Bank Draft	MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA
06/18/2026	18592.96	Bank Draft	ONE AMERICA
06/18/2026	17620.00	Check	SOUTHERN DIVERSIFIED SERVICES LLC
06/18/2026	140634.25	Check	PRIDE CONTRACTING, INC.
06/18/2026	38034.00	Check	DELTA MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO. INC.
06/15/2026	18477.79	Bank Draft	GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
06/12/2026	25942.31	Bank Draft	CITY OF DUBLIN-WELLS FARGO CLAIMS ACCOUNT
06/11/2026	400000.00	Bank Draft	2018 SPLOST CASH TRANSFER
06/11/2026	43204.81	Check	VISIT DUBLIN GA
06/11/2026	18564.69	Check	UTILITIES, CITY OF DUBLIN
06/11/2026	16250.00	Check	SAM MARTIN WELL DRILLING, INC.
06/11/2026	44661.04	Check	RYLAND OIL COMPANY
06/11/2026	43204.81	Check	DUBLIN-LAURENS CO. RECREATION
06/11/2026	197222.40	Check	DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
06/11/2026	21602.46	Check	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
06/11/2026	15000.00	Check	ABS, INC.
			3,581,271.39

APPROVAL OF PUCHASES OVER \$15, 000

a. 2025 GMC Sierra 3500HD 4WD Reg Cab 171 (Gas Department)

City Manager Powell explained that we budgeted to purchase a new work to replace Unit #509, a 1997 Ford F250 Single Cap, single tire truck with 146,885 miles on it. It is primarily needed to haul equipment for the gas department, and while the body of the existing truck is in good shape, the engine is leaking oil and runs bad. The requested replacement is a 2025 GMC Sierra 3500HD 4WD regular cab truck with two sets of keys that are currently available at Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC under a statewide contract term for \$75,343.00, which is \$14,657 below our \$90,000 budget. The truck has a Duramax 6.6L Turbo-Diesel V8 engine. This will be purchased with 2024 SPLOST funds.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE #26-08 TO ANNEX 0.50 ACRES PART OF PARCEL D04C 076

City Manager Powell explained that Earlwood Investments has applied for the annexation of a ½ acre property just off Industrial Blvd and Fairview Park Drive. The proposed use of the property is for a parking lot to serve the Pulmonology, Sleep, Asthma and Allergy Center of Dublin that fronts Fairview Park Drive. We've annexed a few of these parcels for this very same purpose (parking) as you can tell from the map below. The proposed zoning for the property (P) Professional zone that allows for an extension of the business and is consistent with the current uses in this area. This property was not included on our comprehensive plan for future land use map because it is currently in the county, but this supports the existing medical facility on Fairview Park. There is a thorough staff review of this annexation request in your materials, and I encourage you to review that document. The planning commission will consider this request at their meeting on July 14th and we will have their recommendation for you at the council meeting. This is the first reading of the ordinance, and the second reading and public hearing will be on August 6th at 5:30pm.

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE #26-10 TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE RELATED TO ALCOHOL DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

City Manager Powell explained that the state law allows local governments to establish distance requirements for consumption on the premises of licenses to schools, churches, and colleges. Our ordinance currently has exemptions from the normal distance requirement from those facilities for a section of Hillcrest Parkway, Shamrock Drive and the main area of downtown. Staff are recommending that we expand the areas where the distance from a school, church, or college would not limit the licensing of a business for consumption on the premises to some of the major corridors in town. Those areas include all of the places generally indicated in green on the map below, but are generally, Hwy 441 N and S, Hwy 19 S., Hwy 257, Veterans/Bellevue Ave/Hwy 80, Industrial Blvd, and Hillcrest Parkway. The areas in red are already exempted by our ordinance. This is the first reading of this ordinance. The second reading and public hearing will be on August 6th at 5:30pm.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF ORDINANCE #26-05 TO REZONE D09F 068 FROM B-2 (Highway Oriented Business) TO R-4 (Multi-Family Residential).

City Manager Powell explained MGVG Living Dublin 2, LLC is applying to re-zone a parcel of land off Woodlawn Drive next to the new apartments they just built close to Hillcrest Drive. They are proposing to construct an additional 52 to 60 apartments on this parcel. The neighboring properties are a mix of R-1, R-4, B-

2, and M-1 and a P. The Planning Commission reviewed this request and recommended the council approve it. There is a detailed staff review of this application in your materials that we encourage you to review. We have provided them with the council's feedback from the previous meeting, and they will be able to answer any questions you have regarding the site layout. From the previous meeting, the council wanted to incorporate restrictions on the re-zoning related to the site plan which will be included in this ordinance. They have adjusted some items but not all. Staff are requesting that someone from the development will be available to discuss these matters with you before you make a final decision. This is the second reading and public hearing on this ordinance that will require a roll call to vote by council if a motion is made to act.

No motion was made on this item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-25 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF DUBLIN IN THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

City Manager Powell explained that staff has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan for consistency with the rezoning request in Item #6 above and determined that the plan itself supports the rezoning, but the future land use map is inconsistent with it and will require a change. After reviewing the future land use map and the current and realistic future use of this parcel, adjusting the future land use map to reflect a residential development use is recommended (instead of the current commercial use). We held a public hearing on the proposed change on April 22nd and no one came to speak either for or against this proposed change to the land use map. While we are also making this amendment, we are correcting some errors that were created by improper mapping at a prior future land use map adjustment. We can explain those in person. The public hearing for clerical corrections is happening on July 14th. If the council does not move forward with the rezoning request in item 6, we would recommend making the changes to the future land use map except for the parcel related to the rezoning.

A motion to approve but exclude the items that were related to item #6 made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Griggs. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION #26-46 TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH i3 VERTICALS, LLC FOR SOFTWARE SERVICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

City Manager Powell explained that we've used i3 Verticals, LLC (formerly Synergistic Software) for our software services for GCIC access, report writing, warrant searches, and ticket writing for our Patrol Division. We would like to add a

subscription so that every sworn officer will have access to this software on their laptops since every officer has a laptop now. Each software license is \$3,038 to purchase, and then there is an ongoing annual service and support cost of \$12,046. We need 25 licenses including the following: Dept. 3210 Police Admin (4), Dept. 3221 CID (7), Dept. 3222 Vice (CSU) (8), Dept. 3223 Patrol (1), and Dept. 3250 Special Services (5) divisions. This is a budgeted purchase and totals \$75,933 per year and will be allocated to the departments.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilperson Godfrey. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

City Manager Powell explained that the following vehicles, equipment, and items are being submitted to Mayor and Council for the surplus declaration:

1. Unit #526: 2008 Ditch Witch Trencher (Gas Department)

SN:CMWRT40XV70002036

2. Unit #333: 2023 Bad Boy Rebel 61" Zero Turn (Public Works)

SN: BRB6135KA12220044

3. Unit #801: 1990 Mack RD690-S Dump Truck (Sewage)

VIN: R686ST35110

4. Unit #159 Down to Earth Trailer (Sewage)

The cost of repair and maintenance on these items outweighs their value. Upon declaration, items will be sold on GovDeals or sold for scraps.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, (6,0)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rae S. Bloodworth Dublin resident requested that the city review its current ordinances related to potential data center developments. She asked the city to consider whether additional planning, zoning requirements, and public input opportunities are needed. She expressed concerns regarding potential impacts on water resources, electricity needs, traffic, noise, neighborhoods, and quality of life, and emphasized the importance of ensuring residents have a voice in future development decisions. She requested that the city review existing protections for citizens and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Avenugent Rosenberger, 823 North Church Street addressed Mayor and Council and asked whether the new equipment being purchased for the Police Department included body-worn cameras for officers. Staff clarified that the software purchase on the

agenda was not related to officer video cameras. Mr. Rosenberger thanked Council for clarification.

Janice Sans, 212 Cascade Circle

Ms. Sams thanked the Mayor, Council, and staff for completing the speed bump project on the 200 block of Cascade Circle. She expressed appreciation to Sharon Eveland for conducting the impact of the study and helping move the project forward. Ms. Sans stated that the speed bumps have improved traffic conditions in the neighborhood by reducing speeding and cut-through traffic. She also thanked Officer Price Hunter for assisting her with a property incident involving a damaged mailbox. Ms. Sans expressed appreciation for the City's continued efforts and service to residents.

Mitch Griggs, resident of Stone wall Street, Mr. Griggs addressed the Council regarding ongoing stormwater drainage issues affecting the Elms Street and Stonewall Street areas. He stated that failed drainage structures have contributed to flooding concerns, impacting nearby properties, and creating potential health and neighborhood concerns. Mr. Griggs requested that Council revisit the issue and consider solutions to address the drainage problems affecting the impacted parcels and surrounding residents. He provided a map outlining the drainage area for Council's review.

Jacqueline Jaudon Wright, a city resident, shared her appreciation for the City of Dublin and discussed the importance of community unity, quality education, economic opportunities, and creating a place where residents can be proud to call home. She encouraged continued efforts to improve the community and highlighted the importance of communication, engagement, and addressing challenges to create positive change. Ms. Wright also shared concerns regarding the appearance and maintenance of some areas of the city and encouraged continued attention to neighborhood beautification.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Substitute Attorney Bruce Dubberly stated that he was glad to be present.

City Clerk Dorothy Rozier: No comment

City Attorney Duke Groover: Absent

City Treasure Blake Daniels: No comment

Council Comments:

Councilman Bill Brown thanked Valerie Dixon with the Archway Program and the organizations involved in supporting local

students. As a parent of a participating student, he expressed appreciation for the opportunity provided and recognized the program's positive impact on the community.

Councilman Bennie Jones thanked attendees, recognized the students participating in the program, and encouraged them to consider returning to serve the Dublin community. He expressed appreciation to City employees, retirees, and Employee of the Quarter recipients. He also thanked residents for their comments and wished students a safe and successful school year.

Council person Tess Godfrey thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation to the Council members and participants.

Councilman Brandon Chain thanked the Recreation Department for providing youth activities and highlighted the upcoming Water and Movie Day at Stowe's Park on July 24th. He encouraged residents to support City events to help ensure continued opportunities for community entertainment.

Council Chris Smith expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be back at the meeting, thanked staff for their continued hard work, and recognized residents for their engagement and positive contributions.

Councilman Paul Griggs thanked everyone for attending and expressed his appreciation, echoing the comments shared by fellow Council members.

City Manager Josh Powell announced new volleyball activities coming to Hillburn Park and encouraged residents to participate. He also highlighted improvements at Riverview Golf Course and thanked Course Superintendent Lester Lombard for his work. He announced the implementation of weekend tee times from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to improve access and enhance the golf experience for visitors.

Mayor Joshua Kight highlighted Dublin's steady growth, improvements in recreation, parks, economic development, and neighborhood quality of life. He thanked Council, staff, and residents for their efforts and recognized upcoming projects that will continue to enhance the community. He also welcomed young people returning home and emphasized creating opportunities for future generations.

Adjournment

There being no further business; the mayor adjourned the Council meeting at 12:50 p.m.



Joshua E. Kight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dorothy Rozier, City Clerk